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When his RESIGNATION was accepted.

Taken from the ORIGINAL.

THE March from *Aſchaffenburg* was made entirely without my Knowledge. I got into my Coach in the Morning, reſolving to continue there during all the March; but being afterwards informed, that the *French* were paſſing the *Mayne*, and advancing to attack us, —I mounted immediately on Horſeback, and made all the Diſpoſitions proper for the drawing up our Army in Order of Battle, which I executed without any Confuſion. Meeting Count *Neuperg* ſoon after, I informed him of the Diſpoſitions which I had made, and he approved of them entirely; this General was of Opinion, the Enemy's Deſign was not to attack us. Your M—— coming up afterwards, I had the Honour to acquaint You with every thing I had done, and You expreſſed in ſtrong Terms your Approbation of all.

I ſhall not take Notice of what happened during the Action; your M——y knows that my Opinion was, That, without loſing any Time, we ſhould make all the Advantage we could of the Victory we had gained. When the Army arrived at *Hanaw*, I propoſed to ſeize on *Hoeckſt*, and lay a Bridge over the *Mayne* to paſs that River; and to poſt our Army in ſuch a Manner, as to hinder the Enemy from getting back over the *Rhine*, which, from what had paſſed on the Side of the *Danube*, I judged would ſoon happen. I preſſed the ſame Advice with your M——, by the Means of General *Ligonier*. I am utterly ignorant how it came to paſs that it was not followed.

I propoſed afterwards to lay Bridges over the *Mayne*, on the Side of *Hanaw*, that thereby we might be in a Condition to make all poſſible Advantages of the Enemy's Conduct, in caſe they ſhould think fit to quit that River.

This being over, I told your M—— there was ſtill one only Means left of maintaining your Superiority over the *French*, *viz.* to embark all the Foot, to ſend them down the *Rhine*, and march them with all poſſible Expedition towards *Flanders*; I cannot help ſtill repeating the ſame Advice.

I have received ſeveral Marks of Contempt for my Advices, even in the View of the whole Army, particularly of the *Engliſh* Troops. Poſts of Command that became vacant, and which uſed to be diſpoſed of by the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, were given away without my Knowledge; and ſome particular Generals have been named to command at the Head of the Line, whilſt I was there preſent.

I have ſerved under the two greateſt Generals of their Time: Their Confidence and Favour have procured me a Knowledge of the Plans and Diſpoſitions which they made for Operations.

At the End of the War I was ſtripped of all my Employments, on account of my Attachment to the Houſe of *Hanover*.

At the late King's Acceſſion to the Crown, I was ſent Ambaſſador to the Court of *France*; my Conduct at that Court is ſufficiently known.

I had the Misfortune not to pleaſe your M——'s M——rs; but this never in the leaſt cool'd my Zeal for the Advancement of Your Glory and the Publick Good, as far as was in my Power.

In 1734, I got a Plan delivered to your Majeſty for forming an Army upon the *Moſelle*, which could have infallibly made you Arbiter of *Europe*. When M. *Maillebois* marched into *Bohemia*, I formed another Plan for aſſembling an Army in *Flanders*, with which, if the Plan had been readily put in Execution, it had been eaſy to penetrate as far as *Paris*.

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No Ambition, or any Hopes of raiſing my Fortune, could, at my Age, have engaged me to quit my Retirement; no other Motive but the Hopes of contributing to Your Glory, and of being uſeful to the Publick, could have ever drawn me from thence.

I flatter myſelf that, in regard of what I have here repreſented to your M——, You'll be pleas'd to think the L—— S—— an honeſt Man, tho' a Stranger to Art and Cunning.

I ſhall leave it to your M——, as my Political Teſtament, never to ſeparate Yourſelf from the Houſe of *Auſtria*; if ever You do, *France* will treat You as ſhe did Queen *Anne*, and all the Courts that are guided by her Counſels.

I hope Your M—— will give me leave to return to my Plough, without any Mark of your Diſpleaſure.

N. B. *L*—— S—— *had offered ſeveral times before to reſign his Command, but his Offers were rejected till he preſented this* MEMORIAL.

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